

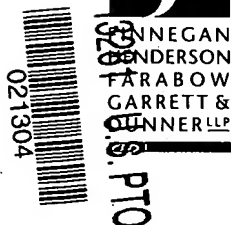


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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING
MULTIDRUG RESISTANT STRAINS OF *M. TUBERCULOSIS*
HAVING MUTATIONS IN GENES OF THE *MUTT* FAMILY

being a Continuation of PCT International

Application No. PCT/EP02/09679 filed August 14, 2002

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Dear Sirs:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP02/09679 filed August 14, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/311,824 filed August 14, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/313,523 filed August 21, 2001.

1. Application 67 pages, including 19 independent claims and 45 claims total.
2. Drawings 15 sheets of formal drawings containing 15 figures.
3. Written Sequence Listings (11 sheets)
4. Copy of cover sheet of International Publication No. WO 03/016562 A2.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$770.00
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Independent Claims	19	-	3	16	x \$86	\$1376.00
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Applicant claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/311,824 filed August 14, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/313,523 filed August 21, 2001.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this

application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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